

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois	:	
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Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act, and an Order pursuant to Section 8-503 of the Public Utilities Act, to Construct, Operate and Maintain a New High Voltage Electric Service Line and Related Facilities in the Counties of Adams, Brown, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Edgar, Fulton, Macon, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott and Shelby, Illinois.	:	Docket No. 12-0598 (on Rehearing)

**NOTICE AND IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATIVE ROUTE
FROM PAWNEE TO MT. ZION THROUGH THE KINCAID SUBSTATION
PURSUANT TO COMMISSION DIRECTION DATED OCTOBER 2, 2013**

The Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Staff"), by and through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to the Notice of Administrative Law Judges' Ruling dated October 2, 2013, respectfully gives notice of, and identifies, its alternative transmission line route from Pawnee to Mt. Zion through the Kincaid Substation, and in support thereof, states as follows:

1. On or about October 2, 2013, the Commission acted on several pending Applications for Rehearing in the above-captioned proceeding, granting several and denying the remainder. See Notice of ALJs' Ruling (October 2, 2013).

2. On that same date, as related in the ALJs Ruling, the Commission directed: "Commission Staff ... [to] identify a transmission line route between Pawnee and Mt. Zion (via Kincaid) as soon as possible." Id.

3. Since issuance of that direction, Staff has been exercising the utmost diligence to comply with the Commission's and ALJs' directive, by identifying a transmission line route from Pawnee to Mt. Zion through the Kincaid Substation which will constitute the least-cost route as expeditiously as this can be accomplished. In seeking to comply with the Commission's direction that it identify a transmission line route from Pawnee to Mt. Zion through the Kincaid Substation "as soon as possible", Staff notes that it has had insufficient time to consult with utilities, affected landowners, other state, federal or local agencies of government, or any other entity which might have knowledge regarding the costs, feasibility, or other impact of Staff's proposed route, or a stake in the outcome. Accordingly, Staff cannot opine as confidently regarding this transmission line route as it would wish.

4. Staff notes that the existing 345 kV line between Pawnee and Kincaid serves as Staff's alternative route for the Illinois Rivers Project between those substations, so that no alternative route proposal between those substations is necessary. Staff also notes that identifying potential Mt. Zion substation site(s) is a necessary part of identifying a route, and Staff includes two possible substation sites with its submittal: one of which was previously proposed by the Village of Mt. Zion.

5. With those caveats, Staff attaches maps depicting, its proposed transmission line route from at or near the existing Kincaid Substation to a proposed Mt. Zion Substation site as Exhibit A – pages 1 through 15, attached hereto, and incorporates them by this reference herein.

6. With Exhibits B and C, Staff provides landowner information obtained from the Assessors' offices in Christian and Macon Counties for those parcels lying along and in close proximity to the route depicted in Exhibit A. Exhibit B identifies landowners in Christian county, and Exhibit C identifies landowners in Macon County.

Respectfully submitted,

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